



## Minnesota's 4th District **E-Report!**

**Congresswoman Betty McCollum**

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### ***Hot News!***

#### **Transportation Security Administration Meets its Deadline**

Rep. McCollum joined Rep. Martin Sabo at the Minneapolis/St. Paul airport to celebrate the achievements of the TSA on November 19, 2002. McCollum supported the passage of this legislation, including the provisions placing federal security personnel and equipment in every American airport.

"Aviation security is a matter of national security," McCollum said. "A professionally trained security force with a national screening and oversight standard is absolutely necessary to give confidence to air travelers and airline industry employees."

After the tragedy of September 11<sup>th</sup>, Congress was forced to address several pieces of unexpected legislation. The Aviation Transportation and Security Act (HR 3510) is an example. The Aviation Transportation and Security Act (ATSA) implements changes to key areas of airline security, including requiring the Department of Transportation to expand the federal air marshals program, fortifying cockpit doors, and allowing and providing anti-hijack training to flight crews.

In addition, ATSA provides federal oversight of airport security and requires that security screening personnel be federal employees. The language in the ATSA required that all baggage be screened as described, by December 31, 2002.

The ATSA was signed into law November 19, 2001. One year later, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced it had achieved its goal, and made all changes required by the ATSA, including those to deploy federal screeners to all U.S. airports.

### **"Pic" of the Week**



Rep. McCollum greeted Nora Hoff, St. Catherine Dir. of International Student Programs and Poay Chong, a student from Malaysia. McCollum was honored with the NAFSA award, for contributions made in advancing the ability of Americans to lead in a global society.

### **Phalen Corridor Progress**

The project goals include creating nearly 2000 jobs, relieving congestion on streets by 15-20%, reducing regional public assistance costs by \$7 million, reclaiming polluted land, building new and rehabilitated housing and water resource reclamation.

This week Rep. McCollum joined St. Paul elected officials and East Side residents to celebrate the demolition of the Burr Street bridge. The destruction of this bridge opens up the roadway to meet the goals set forth for the project – and is the next step towards completion of the Phalen Boulevard initiative.

The Phalen Boulevard project is a 2.1 mile, four-lane roadway connecting a redeveloping inner city neighborhood and industrial area. Rep. Betty McCollum helped secure \$1.75 million in federal funding during FY2001, and \$500,000 this year for the project.

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